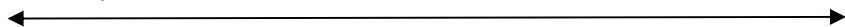


Subject: God's Approval Ensures Victory

Scripture Reading: Ezra 7: 11 - 28 & 8: 15 - 36

Memory Verses: Jeremiah 9: 23 & 24



Objective: To remind believers to seek approval from God and avoid costly mistakes.

1. How adamant was Moses to have God's approval in leading Israel to the promised Land? **Exodus 33: 12 - 18**
2. What happened when Joshua failed to seek God's approval in **Joshua 9**, and how did this error in judgment affect Israel? **2 Samuel 21: 1 - 14**
3. What was guaranteed whenever Israel sought God's direction? **Judges 1: 1 - 7**
4. After years in captivity for rebelling against God, the Israelites were allowed to return to rebuild Jerusalem. How did Ezra, the learned priest and scribe, proceed when given the task of transporting Israel's vast treasures from Babylon back to Jerusalem? **Ezra 8: 15 - 23**
5. What similar approach do we observe in **Nehemiah 1**?
6. What should be borne in mind when making decisions? **Jeremiah 9: 23 & 24**; and how and when should we seek His guidance? **Proverbs 3: 5 & 6**
7. What are the sure promises of God for all who fear Him and seek His approval always? **Psalms 31: 19 & 20; Psalm 32: 8 - 10**

